

House Resolution No. 300

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Joan Domke of New Bloomfield, Missouri, who will receive the Missouri Preservation Honor Award for landscape preservation during an awards ceremony to be held March 3, 2004, in the Rotunda of the Missouri State Capitol; and

Whereas, Missouri Preservation, known formally as the Missouri Alliance for Historic Preservation, is Missouri's only statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting, supporting, and coordinating historic preservation activities throughout the state; and

Whereas, in 1986, Joan Domke and her husband, Herb, set aside 180 acres of land they owned south of Fulton in order to recreate and maintain a native Missouri prairie landscape in a manner that allows use by the public; and

Whereas, Joan and Herb Domke established the Prairie Garden Trust in order to protect and maintain what is now 180 acres of prairies, forests, wetlands, and savannas located near New Bloomfield on the northern edge of the Ozark plateau not far from the Missouri River; and

Whereas, the Domkes envisioned this land, which had been farmed for over a century, to be returned to the native grasses and plants that once covered almost half of the Show-Me State; and

Whereas, in addition, the Domkes wanted to protect the site from future development and to open it as a "landscape for learning" to students, birders, and habitat enthusiasts; and

Whereas, over the years, volunteers have plowed, disked, thinned, and burned fields, and planted a myriad of native Missouri plants including rattlesnake master, gay feather, and butterfly weed; and

Whereas, today the Garden is open to the public, providing a unique outdoor classroom where visitors who wish to learn about Missouri's native plants and environments can obtain plant lists and take self-guided tours through tall grass prairies, wetlands, and a demonstration garden:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Joan Domke at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing her only the very best of success in all her future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Joan Domke, as a mark of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Danie Moore
District No. 20

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 300, adopted February 2, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker